

# LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

August 4, 2020

## I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by James Michael Bowers at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: James Michael Bowers, Dustin Loy, Jasmine Kingsley, Stacie Bleicher, Katie Garcia, Stephanie Jarrett, Rick Tast (ex-officio), and Adelle Burk (ex-officio).

Members Absent: Tom Randa, Sean Flowerday, Jacqueline Miller, and Jenifer Holloway (ex-officio)

Staff Present: Pat Lopez, Scott Holmes, Tim Timmons, Raju Kakarlapudi, David Humm, Steve Beal, and Angel Edwards.

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Loy to approve the agenda as printed. Second by Ms. Kingsley. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Bleicher that the June 23, 2020 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Loy. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

## II. PUBLIC SESSION

## IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### A. Health Director Update

Ms. Lopez reviewed the highlights from the Monthly Report from the Health Department Divisions.

- Animal Control has been busy with bat and coyote service calls.
- The University “Fox Project” includes map and track data and patrols.

- Community Health Services is utilizing nurses for contact tracing.
- Flu vaccine will be initiated by the Health Department.
- WIC visits are being conducted by phone.
- The Health Department is using protective plexiglass and face coverings throughout the building.
- EPH has continued with food inspections and collecting mosquitos for testing of West Nile Virus.
- New positions have been requested in the new budget.
- The Health Department is working with The Cultural Centers to assist them to receive funding to increase case management services to those effected by COVID-19.

## V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

### A. Directive Health Measures for Board of Health Support

The Directive Health Measure outline specifications to protect the public from the spread of COVID-19. The measures are available on the Health Department website. The public continues to call in complaints of non-compliance with the mandate.

Motion: Dr. Garcia made a motion that the Board support the Directed Health Measures. The motion was seconded by Dr. Loy. Motion carried 6-0 by a roll call vote.

### B. Support Development for a Community Vaccine Planning Committee

The Department desires to create a Vaccine Advisory Committee to assist in guiding the Departments efforts related to promotion and distribution of flu vaccine and eventual vaccine for COVID-19. Aggressive promotion of flu vaccinations is a priority for the Health Department. Board of Health Members were encouraged to be a part of the committee.

Motion: Ms. Kingsley made a motion that the Board support development for a Community Vaccine Planning Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Garcia. Motion carried 6-0 by a roll call vote.

## VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Item)

### A. Epidemiological Update

Raju Kakarlapudi, the Epidemiology Supervisor, spoke about the dashboard on the Health Department website showing recovered cases, deaths, confirmed cases and total tested. Phase III of the DHM has gone into effect. Contact tracers are gathering data after a positive case is reported. The new test site at Gateway Mall- former Younkers parking lot will have a capacity of 600 tests a day. The average turn around time is 2 days. We currently have 6 months of data calculated in the dial.

B. Communicable Disease Update

Tim Timmons, the Communicable Disease Supervisor, reported that there are other communicable diseases we are watching including TB, E. Coli and Salmonella. Flu season starts on October first and symptoms are similar to COVID-19.

C. Proposed Budget, Fee Increases and Positions

Scott Holmes, Environmental Health Manager, spoke about the new fee assessments which end up calculating to a 3% increase. Fees are reviewed and approved by the Lincoln City Council.

D. COVID Funding Update

More than a billion dollars has been provided to the State of Nebraska for use throughout the state in combatting COVID-19. LPS nurses have been hired to assist with contact tracing and PPE is going out to the public and Archival is developing a face mask campaign.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – October 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Dr. Loy that the meeting adjourn. Second by Dr. Bleicher. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Angel Edwards  
Recording Secretary

Katie Garcia, DDS

Vice President